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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6971

BILL NUMBER: HB 1512

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BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Endangered Adult Advisory.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. GiaQuinta

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Law Enforcement Training Board to provide training in interacting with missing endangered adults. The bill creates the Endangered Adult Advisory Program to inform the public about missing endangered adults. It defines "missing endangered adult". The bill renames the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children as the Indiana Missing Person Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). The bill also requires the Clearinghouse to operate the Amber Alert Program and the Endangered Adult Advisory Program.

This bill provides that the Clearinghouse may provide notification to a broadcaster or an electronic billboard operator; (1) located in a particular county; or (2) who provides services in a particular county, in which a missing endangered adult is likely to be located. The bill defines "rescue services provider" and specifies that reports of missing endangered adults may be given to rescue services providers. This bill also establishes the duties of rescue services providers upon receipt of a report of a missing endangered adult. The bill makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary:* This bill will increase the workload of the Law Enforcement Academy (LEA) to provide the required training to law enforcement and emergency medical service personnel.

This bill will also increase the workload of the Indiana State Police (ISP) to include information regarding missing endangered adults in the Clearinghouse, along with missing children. The bill expands the population of individuals that can be listed in the Clearinghouse and can potentially increase the information that law

enforcement would be required to transmit to Endangered Adult Advisory Program participants. Total expenditures to provide an Endangered Adult Advisory Program are estimated to be \$76,000 per year.

Additionally, the bill requires ISP to adopt rules concerning the type of proof necessary to qualify a missing person as a missing endangered adult to be eligible for Endangered Adult Advisory Program transmission. This provision will increase the workload of ISP.

Background Information:

(Revised) *LEA*: This bill will change minimum training requirements for law enforcement personnel and firefighters to better prepare officers to interact with endangered adults. Currently, curriculum offered by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy to law enforcement personnel includes some sort of training in interacting with the elderly. This legislation will impact the minimum required training and recertification curriculum offered by LEA to law enforcement officers, but can be fulfilled within the current curriculum.

Currently, the LEA requires 24 hours of recertification training for law enforcement officers, of which the following courses require 2 hours of training: firearms, emergency vehicle training, and physical tactics/use of force. Local law enforcement agency administrators decide recertification courses for officers outside of the designated training hours.

Current curriculum requires one hour of training in interacting with the elderly. Additionally, LEA reports that officers would receive training through the six-hour course that provides training in interacting with individuals with mental health problems. LEA feels that the current courses offered to law enforcement provide training in interacting with endangered adults.

ISP: The Indiana State Police report that the costs of creating an Endangered Adult Advisory Program would be minimal. In order to expand the current capabilities to provide an Endangered Adult Advisory Program, costs would increase to provide a web site, phone support, and process phone calls that may be received regarding missing endangered adults. Total expenses for the establishment of a website, maintenance of the website, establishment of two toll-free telephone lines, maintenance of the phone lines, and transfers of the toll-free line are estimated to be approximately \$4,000 per year.

ISP anticipates requiring two clerical positions to input missing persons information in the Clearinghouse. Expenses for these two positions are estimated to be \$72,000 for salary, benefits, Internet support, computer support, and furniture.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

ISP reverted \$3.1 M to the General Fund at the end of FY 2008. ISP reported that the current Amber Alert program is funded by corporate partners and funding for the Endangered Adult Advisory Program might be provided by a network of corporate partnerships.

Currently, Missouri has an Endangered Persons Advisory that is similar to the Amber Alert system. This system is used to develop and coordinate the efforts of law enforcement and the media in order to increase public participation in safely recovering endangered missing persons by increased communication and effective resource sharing. Missouri's program is a cooperative effort between the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, the Missouri Sheriffs Association, and the Missouri Broadcasters Association. Missouri reported that there are no costs associated with the program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) This bill will increase the workload of local law enforcement and emergency services providers to provide identifying information and prepare investigative reports concerning missing endangered adults for inclusion in the Indiana Missing Persons Clearinghouse. Actual increases in workload will depend on how many reports of missing endangered adults are received by local law enforcement.

Any additional impact to local expenditures to provide training would depend on whether a local unit of government would be required to pay for additional course work necessary to fulfill the provisions of the bill. Depending on local action, the impact to unit expenditures could range from no financial involvement to complete payment of all autism course fees for their firefighting personnel.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: LEA, ISP.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

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